List of actual users of pig iron submitted by metal scrap trading corporation

2204. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Metal Scrap Trading Corporation has since submitted the list of actual users of pig iron for whom it was allowed to import 50,000 tonnes of foundry-grade pig iron from Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) The Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) have signed a Contract to import 50,000 tonnes of basic grade pig iron from USSR. This will be allotted by them to the actual consumers who are entitled to use imported scrap as per the existing policy. MSTC are not required to submit the list of actual users to Government.

Telecast of propaganda of progressive educational measures taken by Andhra Pradesh Government

2205. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan Kendras of Andhra Pradesh are not giving adequate time and propaganda for the progressive educational measures taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) No, Sir. During the last three months, on 20 occasions, 12 minutes and 10 secs. were devoted to the State Government's educational measures in the regional news bulletins of Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad. Besides, Educational Television programmes (ETV) in Telugu language produced by the State Institute of Educational Technology, Hyderabad are also being telecast via INSAT in the state of Andhra Pradesh between 0900 hrs and 0945 hrs.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of external broadcast services by Sri Lanka to intensify anti-India Propaganda

2206. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that Sri Lanka has recently introduced some external broadcast services directed towards India to intensify its anti-India propaganda; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All India Radio has a 12 hr. and 15 minutes exclusive service to Sri Lanka.

Production of steel during the current financial year

2207. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of production of steel by the end of the current financial year;

(b) the estimated demand for steel by the end of the next Plan; and

(c) the details of the plans being worked out or under implementation to increase production of steel and meet the estimated demand towards the end of the 8th Five Year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The estimated production of crude steel by the end of the current financial year is 14.7 million tonnes, including 9.3 million tonnes from the SAIL Plants.